The Field of the Slothful. Pro.24:30-34

PLEASURE.

1. The Pleasures of This Life. Luke 8:14

Luke 8:14 And that which fell among the thorns, these are they that have heard and as they go on their way they are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

Matt. 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

THEME:- The Pleasures of This Life. The Pleasure-Activities of this Life.

INTRO 1. The principle of action and reaction demonstrated.
2. The Reformation and French Revolution
3. The Puritan Age followed by the present one.
1. In the life of the individual.
2. Strain and relief from it.
~~during evening; city life; specialized labor.~~

2. Conditions in America.
a/ a tense striving after material gains.
b/ a seeking for relief in the pursuit of pleasures. (seeking
c/ Some already apparent results of immoderate pleasure-
1. A waning of intellectual interests.
2. A decline in the pursuit of those activities which enlarge and enrich the mind.
3. A growing unconcern for the graver matters of religion and social service.

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3. Our purpose not to lay down hard and fast rules, but to set forth the Xn principles governing a right use of the pleasure-activities of life.
The sense of pleasure not to be killed or maimed, but rightly developed.

BODY:-I. Benefits derived from a right use of pleasure-activity
1. The stimulating of jaded mental and physical powers
2. Social intercourse and the culture of social virtues unselfishness, courtesy, patience, self-restraint, alertness, magnaminity, etc.
3. A moral safe-guard.
keeps up ahealthy interest and activity. Play-ground
4. Necessary to child culture - B.P. 551, 552

Salem

"The fault of our age is not in seeking amusement, but in not knowing where to draw the line."

2. The Pleasures of Life.

II. When pleasure-activity ceases to be used rightly.
1. When it undermines our regard for the serious interests of life.
2. When it engrosses the mind, becoming the chief business in hand and interfering with our duties.
3. When indulged in excessively and untimely.

III. The Choice of Amusements and the Extent of their Indulgence.

1. From the standpoint of personal interest.
a/ avoid every form of pleasure physically harmful and morally debasing
b/ choose only such kind and measure consistent with a proper discharge of work.
c/ in choosing exercise due regard for the higher personal interests, such as self-culture and religious worship.

2. From the standpoint of obligation towards others.
a/ pleasure should not interfere with our duties towards others, of love, of helpfulness, of consideration, and of service.
b/ should be consistent with our perfect growth in relationship both to God and fellow men.

Summary. All of the above is contained in the Master's words," Seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you".
1. We must be guided by an earnest spirit of devotion to X's lofty ideal of life.
2. Get a vision of the purpose and intent of life and the question of amusement will take care of itself.
3. The law and Spirit of Jesus Christ is our only safe guide.

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